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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NORTH KOREA PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

CINCEUR FOR POLAD

1. NORTH KOREAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION HEADED BY SUPREME PEOPLES COUNCIL PRESIDENT HANG JANG BUL (PHONETIC) VISITED YEMEN FROM MARCH 5 TO MARCH 11. VISIT, LARGELY PROTOCOLAIRE, INCLUDED TRIPS TO MAJOR YEMENI CITIES, A CALL ON PRESIDENT IRYANI CONVEYEING MESSAGE FROM KIM IL SUNG, AND TALKS WITH A YAR CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY DELEGATION HEADED BY ITS PRESIDENT, ABDALLAH BIN HUSSIN AL- AHMAR, ONE OF YEMEN' S MAJOR TRIBAL LEADERS. NO COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED AT VISIT' S COMPLETION.

2. COMMENT: NORTH KOREAN VISIT EVOKED LITTLE INTEREST LOCALLY. ALTHOUGH SANAA HAS HAD A NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY SINCE 1966, THERE ARE NO COMMERCIAL, AID OR POLITICAL TIES BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. FONMIN UNDER- SECRETARY AL- KHODR TOLD DCM, WITH BROAD WINK, THAT VISIT

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WAS SIMPLY TO MAINTAIN YEMEN' S NON- ALIGNED IMAGE. HE
READILY AGREED WITH COMMENT THAT (CONSERVATIVE, TRIBAL-
DOMINATED) CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY COULD TEACH NORTH
KOREANS QUITE A LOT ABOUT PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY. LAST
WORD, HOWEVER, BELONGED TO AL- AHMAR WHO, IN WELCOMING
DELEGATION TO FIRST SESSION OF TALKS, DISCREETLY REMINDED
EVERYONE THAT NORTH KOREANS HAD COME AT THEIR OWN REQUEST,
NOT AT INVITATION YARG. WE BELIEVE YARG SIMPLY FOLLOWED
PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE IN ALLOWING DELEGATION TO COME, ALTHOUGH
IT SHOWED NO PARTICULAR INTEREST IN VISIT.
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